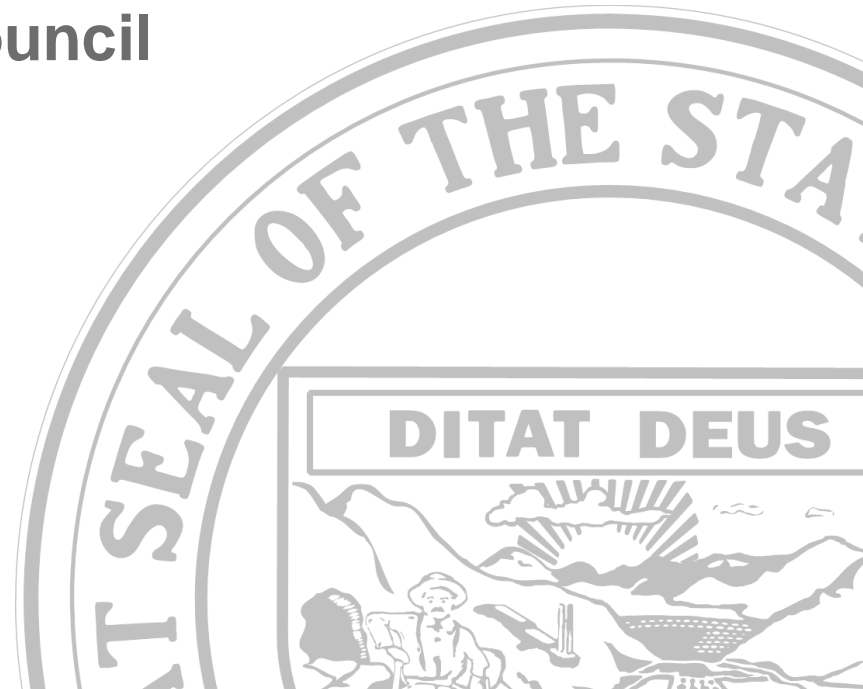


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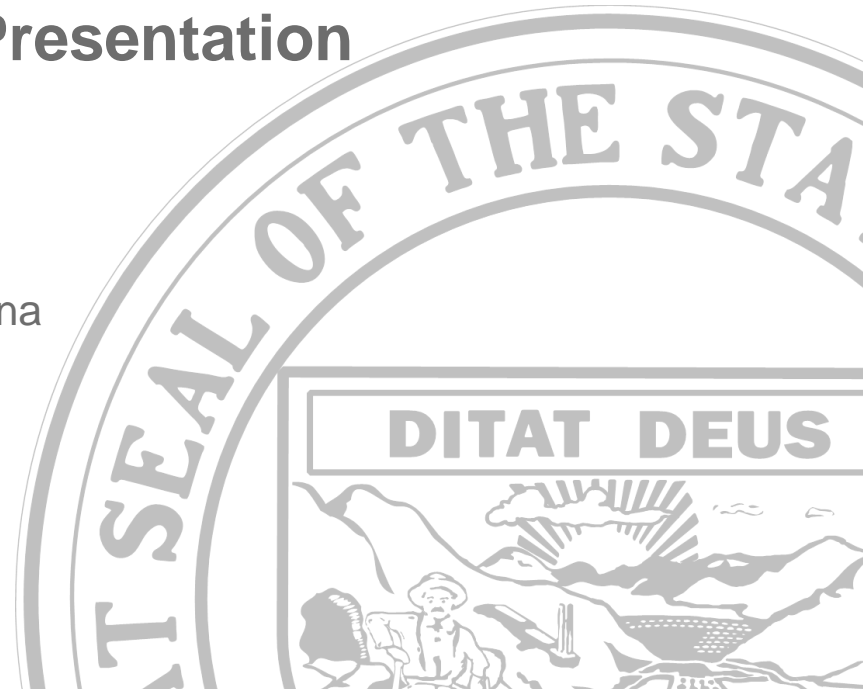
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# Truckers Against Trafficking

Prevention and Intervention: Combating Human Trafficking Through the Trucking Industry



# Two kidnapping suspects identified; report reveals alleged victim subjected to physical, sexual abuse

By Alan Chamberlain | January 8, 2015 1:46 pm



# TAT's Mission

- 💧 **Professional truck drivers:**
  - 💧 Are the eyes and ears out on the road
  - 💧 Are trained to be vigilant/observant
  - 💧 Intersect with victims
    - 💧 truck stops/parking lots
    - 💧 rest areas
    - 💧 city streets
    - 💧 bus terminals
    - 💧 gas stations
    - 💧 places of business
    - 💧 hotels/motels



# TAT's Mission

💧 **Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT)** seeks to **educate**, **equip**, **empower** and **mobilize** members of the trucking industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs.





# TAT's Goals

- ◆ **Saturate** trucking and related industries with TAT materials.





# Training DVD



**National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888 (Multi-Lingual)**  
**1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)**  
**Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)**  
**Report by Email: [nhtc@PolarisProject.org](mailto:nhtc@PolarisProject.org)**

**Warning:** Please do not approach traffickers. Call the hotline, and if instructed, the local police (911). Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and rescue victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers. Also, if at a truck stop/travel plaza, please notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

**If you have seen the TAT Training DVD and reviewed this wallet card, please register as TAT Trained at <http://tat8.nodejitsu.com>.**



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**Make the Call,  
Save Lives.**



**1-888-3737-888 (US)**  
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**[www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org)**

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking. Trafficking can occur in many locations, including truck stops, restaurants, rest areas, brothels, strip clubs, private homes, etc. Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation's highways. If you see a minor working any of those areas or suspect that the person selling sex is under someone else's control in order to make a quota, call the National Hotline and report your tip:

**1-888-3737-888 (US) ■ 1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)**

**Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)**

For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information." Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.)  
Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

## **Make the Call, Save Lives.**

### **Questions to Ask:**

Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?  
Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?  
When was the last time you saw your family?  
Are you physically or sexually abused? Are you or your family threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

### **Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:**

- Lack of knowledge of their community or whereabouts
- Restricted or controlled communication-not allowed to speak for self
- CB chatter about "commercial company" or flashing lights signaling "buyer" location
- Not in control of own identification documents (ID/passport)
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker's name (often on the neck)

# Truckers Against Trafficking





# Case Study



## Human Trafficking Uncovered by Truck Stop Call: Police

*Detectives charged three people in what police say was a prostitution ring sustained by online advertising, violence and drugs.*

Columbia (<http://patch.com/maryland/columbia>), MD (<http://patch.com/maryland>)

By ELIZABETH JANNEY (Patch Staff) (<http://patch.com/users/elizabeth-janney>)

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# TAT's Goals

- ◆ Partner with law enforcement and government agencies to facilitate the investigation of human trafficking.
  - ◆ Calls and Tips
  - ◆ Training
  - ◆ Scouting/Intel
  - ◆ Building Coalitions
  - ◆ Iowa MVE Model



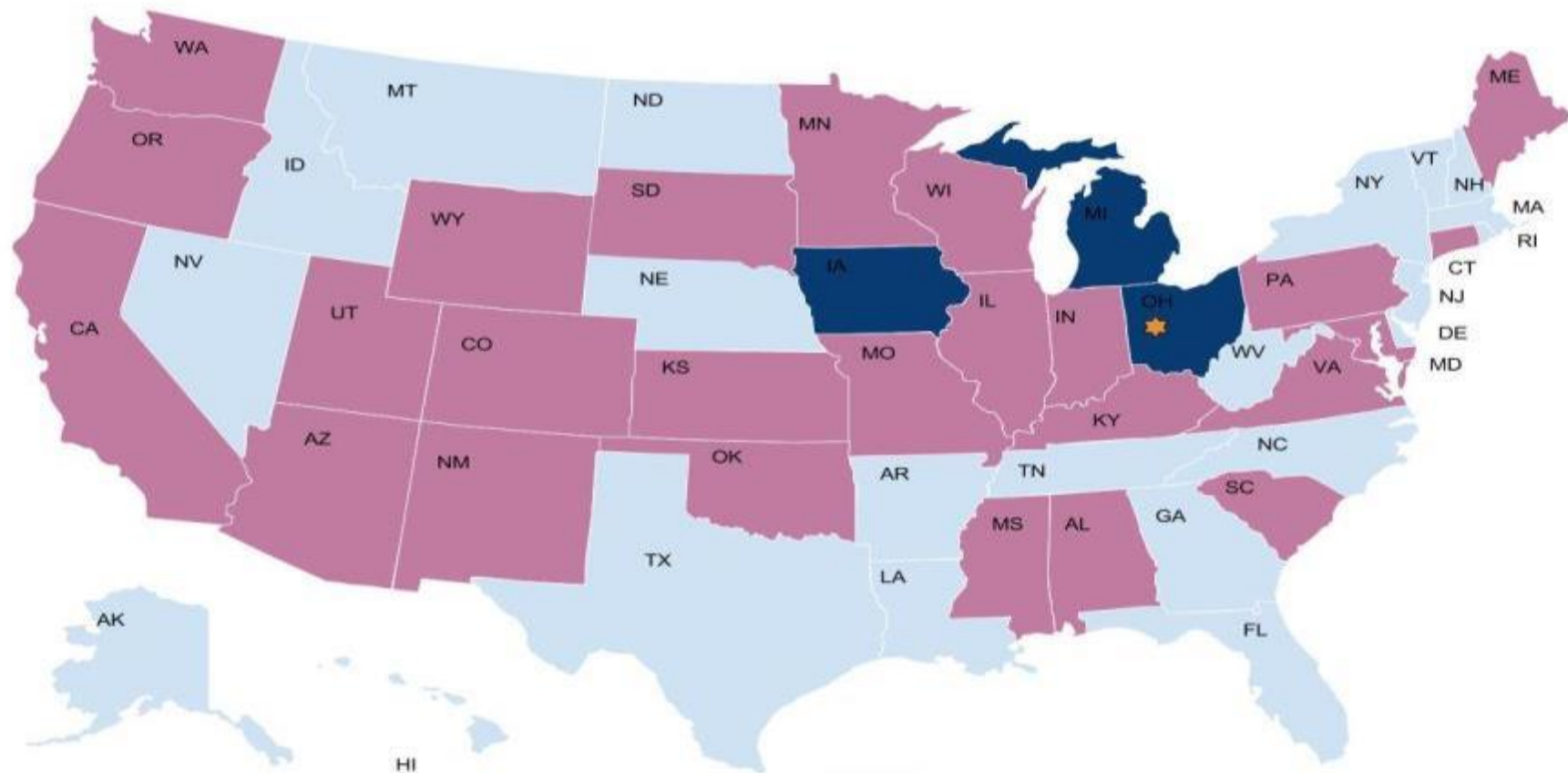
# The Iowa MVE Model



**Help us mobilize trucking to combat human trafficking.**



# IA MVE States



# TAT's Goals

- Marshal the resources of our partners to combat this crime.





James Burg Trucking Company



Volvo Trucks





# Freedom Drivers Project



# TAT BY THE NUMBERS



**1589+** CALLS MADE TO  
THE NATIONAL HOTLINE  
BY TRUCKERS ALONE



**503** LIKELY  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
CASES IDENTIFIED

INVOLVING  
**1098**  
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS  
**299**  
OF WHICH  
WERE MINORS

**20+**  
TRADE SHOWS  
ATTENDED SINCE  
**2009**



**OVER 1 MILLION**  
WALLET CARDS  
DISTRIBUTED



**300,000+**  
TAT TRAINED  
PERSONS

Clearly this partnership  
with TAT and Polaris is  
working well, and it is  
showing the critical role  
that truckers play.

- Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris





## Kevin Kimmel



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**Thank God—  
what saved me was  
that trucker.**



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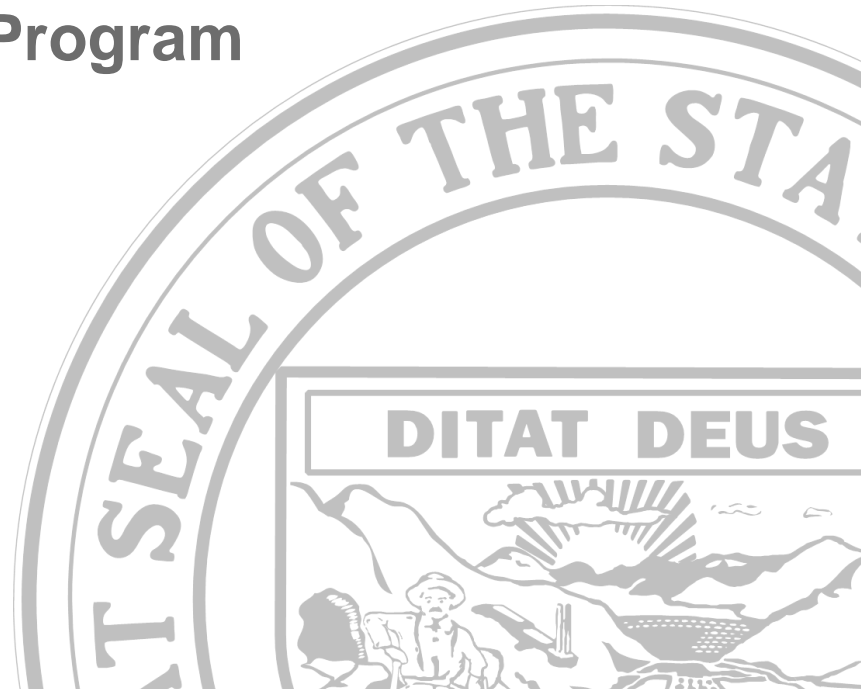


# UBER Trafficking Awareness Program

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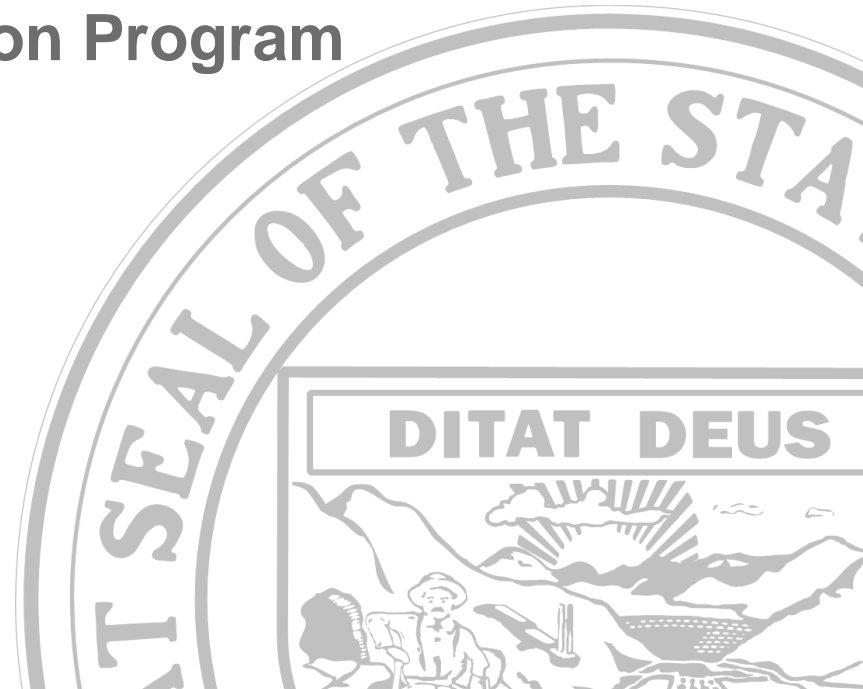
# City of Phoenix Buyer Diversion Program

**Tami Hartman**

Catholic Charities Community Services



Arizona Human  
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# **Catholic Charities Community Services Prostitution Solicitation Diversion Program**

Presentation for the Arizona Human Trafficking Council

# History

- ▶ Catholic Charities successfully held the PSD contract for 8 years beginning in 2005 through 2013.
- ▶ In 2013, 139 solicitors successfully completed the program saving the City of Phoenix \$361,722 in jail cost savings.
- ▶ The annual results of our posttest in 2013 indicated that 99% of participants responded yes when asked, as a result of this program do you plan to make changes in your life.

# History continued

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- ▶ In 2014 CCCS was not awarded the PSD contract and the contract was awarded to New Horizons.
- ▶ In September 2016 the City of Phoenix approached CCCS to take the PSD contract back.

# Prostitution Solicitation Diversion - What it is?

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- ▶ The Prostitution Solicitation Diversion (PSD) program is an alternative response system for the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office in lieu of incarceration for persons soliciting acts of prostitution.
- ▶ Designed to break the insidious cycle of involvement in the dangerous and risky behavior of soliciting prostituted people.



# What is it - continued

- ▶ Offers first offenders an opportunity for rehabilitation and education on the realities of prostitution and at the same time help them take responsibility for their behavior.
- ▶ Prostitution Solicitation Program is a one day, 8 hour, face to face, educational class designed to shift participants attitudes and beliefs about both the demand and the supply sides of prostitution.
- ▶ Participants pay a fee of \$800. Offenders who cannot afford the fee will be offered a reduced fee under certain conditions.

# PSD Class Content

- ▶ **Session I - Vice Crimes Division**  
Discussion of the effects of prostitution on the city and communities from the law enforcement perspective. Local Demand/Cease Coordinator- Prostitution laws and the prosecution of laws discussed.
- ▶ **Session II – Dr. Jon McCain, PhD,**  
Effects of prostitution on women, children and families. Expectation of service/intimacy. Unmasking gender roles. Why do women prostitute? Why do men solicit?

Rebecca Sauer, LPC Signs and symptoms of sexual addiction and the growing problem with pornography.

- ▶ **Session III - Phoenix Children's Hospital -**  
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV & STI's.
- ▶ **Session IV - TRUST -** How prostitution affects neighborhoods
- ▶ **Session V – Survivor of the Sex Industry -**  
Risks and effects of Prostitution of Women's Lives from the survivors perspective.



# Questions

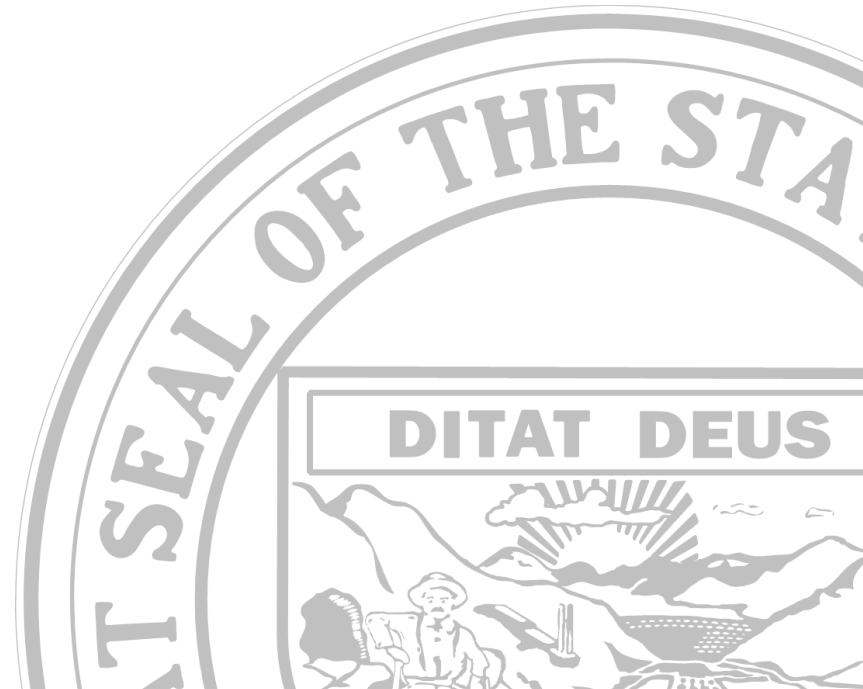
# Las Vegas Trafficking Study

**Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz**

Arizona State University



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# **2014 LAS VEGAS SEX TRAFFICKING CASE STUDY**

**This study was conducted by the Arizona State University  
Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research.**

**Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, PhD  
Director, Associate Professor**

ASU School of Social Work  
**Office of Sex Trafficking  
Intervention Research**

**ASU** School of  
**Social Work**  
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**Thank you to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police  
Department for their partnership in conducting this  
innovative research.**





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**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**



# ONE-YEAR SNAPSHOT

This presentation represents a one-year snapshot of sex trafficking cases developed by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Vice & Sex Trafficking Investigations Section.

A collaborative initiative between ASU STIR and LVMPD that exemplifies innovation in sex trafficking research



# PURPOSE

To explore the efforts of law enforcement in identifying and investigating incidents of sex trafficking in Las Vegas and to identify trends and patterns that might inform future research or practice.



# RESEARCH PLAN

To explore and analyze sex trafficking case files from 2010 to 2015

## **Files included:**

- Police reports
- Transcribed records of interviews of both alleged sex traffickers and alleged sex trafficking victims
- Evidence collected during the investigation
- Case notes documented by LVMPD investigators

## **Cases were included if:**

- There was an identified victim of sex trafficking contacted by LVMPD officers
- If contact resulted in a criminal investigation into the circumstances of their alleged trafficking

# 2014 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**247** victims of sex trafficking were identified by the LVMPD Vice & Sex Trafficking Investigations Section.

A total of 159 (76.9%) cases were analyzed for this study, representing 190 victims (57 not included for a variety of reasons).

<b>Victim Type</b>	<b># of cases</b>	<b>% cases analyzed</b>
<b>Adult</b>	54	34%
<b>Minor</b>	99	62.3%
<b>Both</b>	5	3.1%
<b>Decoy</b>	1	0.6%

# 2014 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Each sex trafficking case ranged between having 1 to 4 victims, with the average of 1.1 victims.

The sex trafficker(s) was identified in 89 (56%) of the 159 sex trafficking cases analyzed.



Instances with more than one sex trafficker were identified in 18 cases (11.3%).





# VICTIM COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION

In only 23.9% (n =38) of the cases was the sex trafficking victim cooperative with the collection of evidence for arrest and prosecution of their sex trafficker.

Overall, minors were more uncooperative with law enforcement in the development of a criminal case against their sex trafficker.

**16.3%**

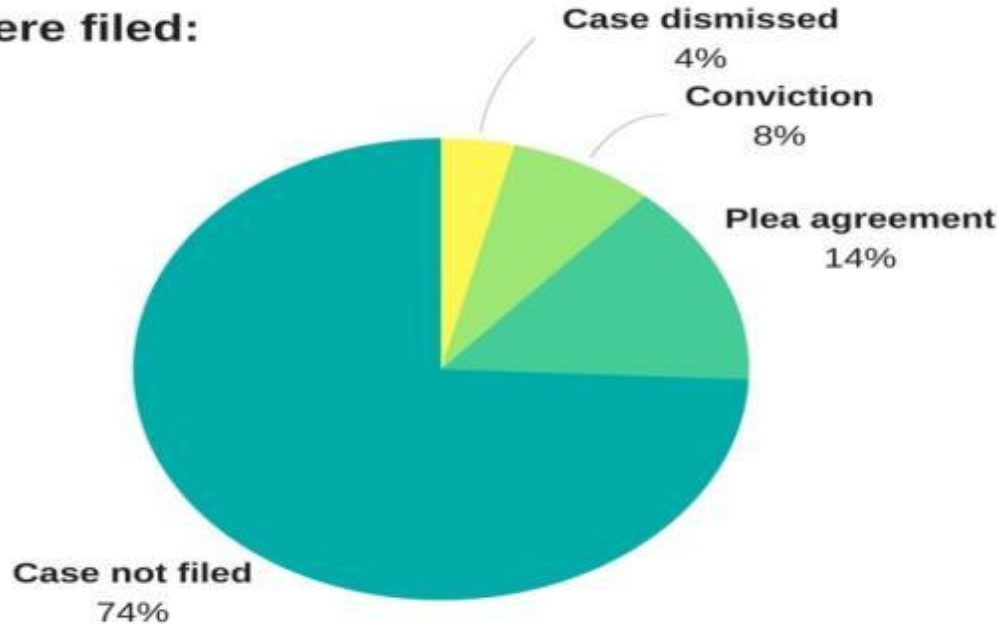
of minors cooperated with law enforcement compared to 37.7% of adults

# CASE OUTCOMES

**Nearly three-quarters (n =116, 73.4%) of the cases were never filed.**

**Of the 40 cases that were filed:**

- 6 dismissed
- 12 convictions
- 22 plea agreements





## KEY FINDING

Demonstrates the **variability** and **complexity** of the case development required for an arrest for a sex trafficking case, with an average of 29 days needed to build arrest materials.



# THE SEX TRAFFICKER

2014 Key Findings



# THE SEX TRAFFICKER

**118 sex traffickers identified, 89 detailed reports**

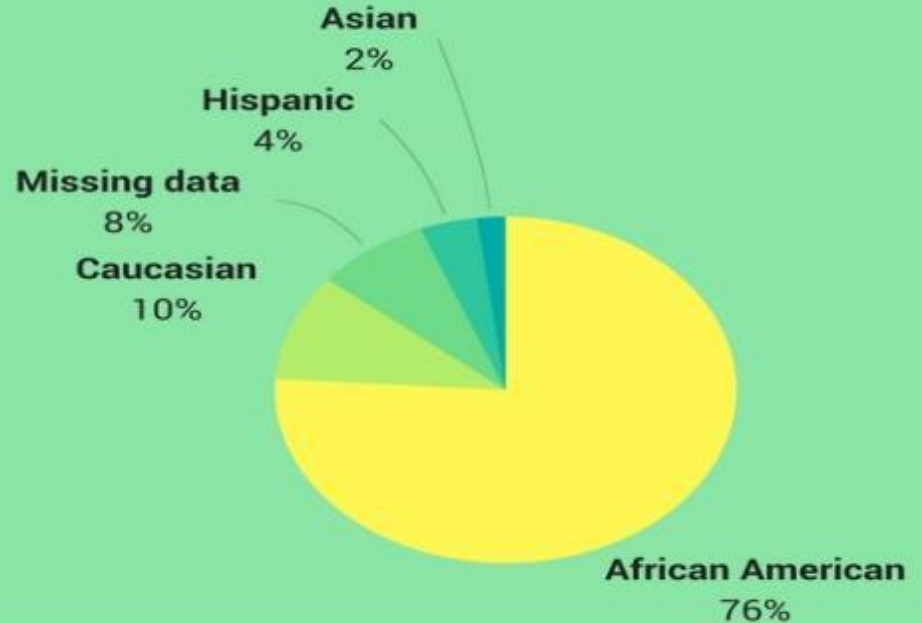


**Males:** 103, 87.3%

**Females:** 15, 12.7%

**Age range:** 18-59 (M=29)

**Ethnicity**



# SEX TRAFFICKER TYPOLOGY (n=89)

## Romeo Pimp



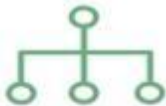
- Of the 89 cases in which a sex trafficker was identified, more than half (52.8%, n =47) of the sex traffickers were a Romeo-type pimp.
- Romeo-type pimps were more often found in the cases with minor victims than in the cases with adult victims.

## Guerrilla Pimp



- Guerrilla pimps were identified in 41 cases (46.1%).
- In 22 (46.8%) of the Romeo-type pimp cases, the Romeo-type pimp changed to become a Guerrilla pimp, using violence, threats, and fear to keep the victims in the sex trafficking situation.

## Bottom Bitch



- In 4 cases the primary pimp was identified as a 'bottom'.
- In 6 other cases, there was a bottom involved in the sex trafficking victimization along with a male primary pimp.

# RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM (n=89)

A relationship was identified in 70 (59.3%) cases



**Most common: Boyfriend (37.6%)**

Boyfriend	Stranger	Friend	Employer	Girlfriend	Cousin	Mother
38	13	12	2	2	2	1

# TRANSPORTATION + MOVEMENT (n=89)

**27 (30.3%)** sex traffickers had recently come from another state, often traveling with the victims

The majority (n =18, 66.6%) of sex traffickers were from California

**15 (9.4%)** cases involved kidnapping





# GANG INVOLVEMENT

15.7%

1 out of every 6 sex traffickers was identified as a member of a gang



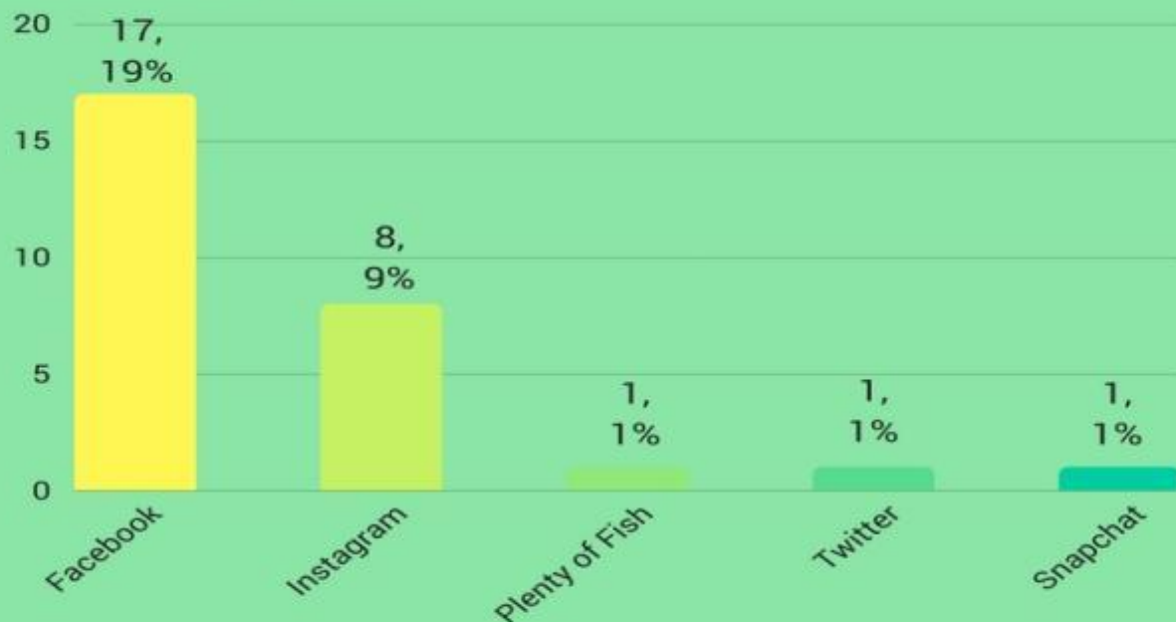
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- Inglewood Family Gangster
- Bloods
- Gangster Disciple
- Gerson Park Kingsmen

- Hope Gang
- Sureno
- Cartel

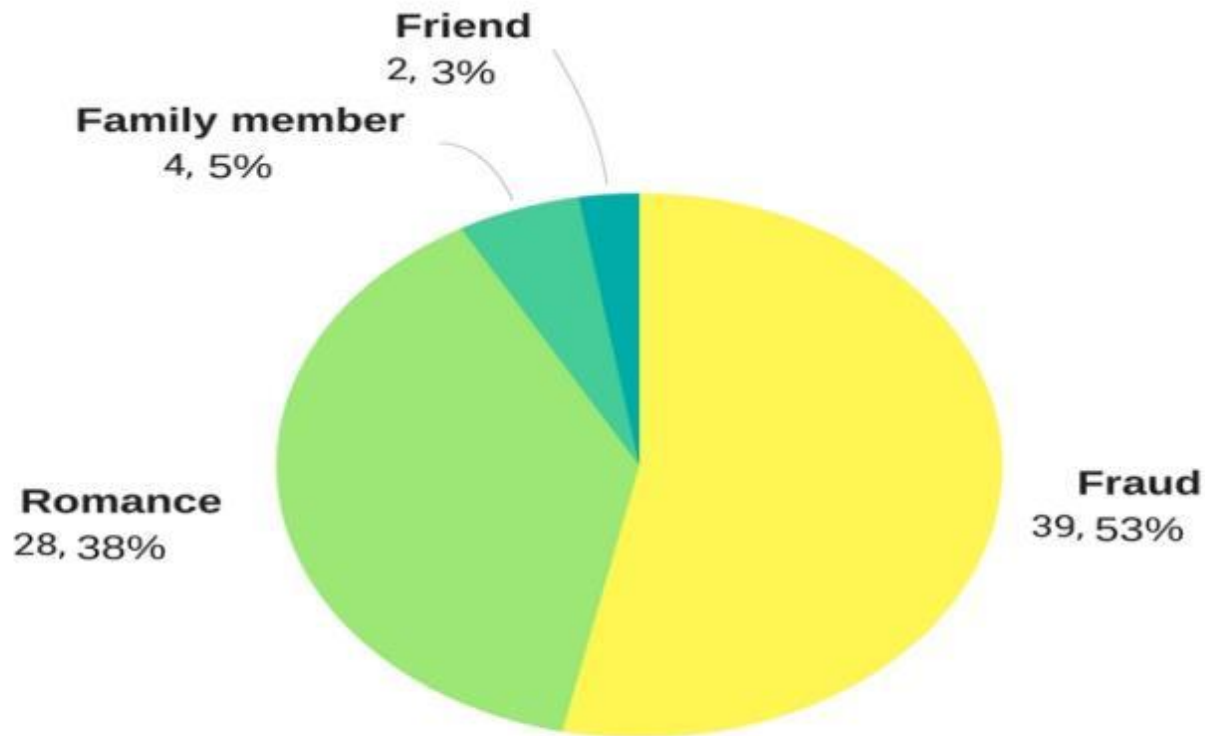
# RECRUITMENT METHODS (n=89)

Social Media: used to connect to the victims in 29% (n =26) of the known sex trafficker cases



The sex traffickers also made contact with victims in person at various locations including on the street, at the Greyhound bus station, and the shopping mall.

# RECRUITMENT METHODS (n=89)



# WEAPONS + VIOLENCE (n=89)

A weapon was used by the sex trafficker in 22 of the cases (13.8%) for various purposes:

	Example
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<i>"raped her with a knife to her throat"</i> <i>"he scared her with a gun before raping her"</i>
<b>Physical Assault</b>	<i>"he used the butt of a hand gun to knock out the victim's teeth"</i> <i>"he stabbed her in the side and slashed her face with a knife"</i> <i>"she cut the victim's face with a small knife as she screamed at her"</i>
<b>Fear</b>	<i>"he shot another pimp"</i> <i>"he told her about shooting another girl that used to work for him"</i> <i>"he shot at her mother's house"</i>

# PHYSICAL VIOLENCE (n=89)

56%

of the cases involved **physical violence** by the sex trafficker to force the victim to participate in prostitution.

## **Physical Assault**

pushing a victim out of a moving vehicle, using a hand to punch, slap, or choke the victim, kicking the victim, pulling the victim's hair

## **Assault with an object or deadly weapon**

using a cord or belt buckle to whip the victim, shooting the victim with a gun, using a knife to stab the victim, burning the victim, using the butt of a gun to knock the victim's teeth out, using a razor to cut the bottom of the victim's feet, pouring battery acid on the victim



# PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE (n=89)

49%

of the cases involved **psychological violence** by the sex trafficker to coerce victims to participate in prostitution.

**use of rules, threats of violence, name-calling, and withholding food, money, identification, and ability to sleep.**

## THREATS:

- to severely harm or kill the victim
- to severely harm or kill the victim's family
- to severely harm or kill the victim's children
- to kick the victim out or force the victim to be homeless
- to have the victim arrested



# RULES

- In **50%** of the 89 cases of known sex traffickers, explicit **rules** were explained to the sex trafficking victims
- Rules included quotas (how much the victim needed to earn through selling sex each day), which ranged from \$200 to \$1200.
  - No black male customers
  - Do not look at another black male
  - Call the sex trafficker Daddy
  - Steal from the tricks
  - Break after every trick (give over \$)
  - How to identify cops
  - To charge more for not using a condom
  - If you don't meet your quota you cannot eat or sleep
  - When in casinos walk on the edges, not down the center



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE (n=89)

11%

of the cases involved **sexual violence** by the sex trafficker

**Repeatedly reported as a means of torture or control over victims.**

**Sexual assault was reportedly used as a means to:**

- condition the victim
- threaten or overpower the victim
- punish the victim

# CRIMINAL HISTORIES



95 (80.5%) of the 118 sex traffickers had histories of previous arrests.



The age of the first offense ranged from age 9 to 32 years old with an average of 17.5 years.



The sex traffickers had an average lifetime history of 12.6 crimes\*.

*\* Excluding administrative criminal events, such as violation of probation or arrest for a warrant.*

**SEX TRAFFICKER TRENDS - 1ST CRIME COMMITTED, BY TYPE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Crime Type</b>	<b># as 1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Assault/Battery	19	20%
Theft	15	15.8%
Drug Related	13	13.7%
Property	8	8.4%
Robbery	7	7.4%
Domestic Violence	6	6.3%
Burglary	5	5.3%
Traffic/driving related offense	5	5.3%
Vice related crimes	4	4.2%
Auto theft	4	4.2%
Fraud	2	2.1%
Weapon related	2	2.1%
Sex crime	2	2.1%
Homicide/murder	1	1%
Child abuse	1	1%

# CRIMINAL HISTORIES (n=95)

**20** (21.1%) had a previous vice-related charge

**13** (13.7%) had a previous arrest for one or more of the following crimes:

- sex trafficking
- promoting prostitution
- pandering
- living off the earnings of a prostitute

1 out of 7

sex traffickers had a **previous** sex trafficking related charge

# CRIMINAL HISTORIES (n=95)



## OTHER KEY FINDINGS

- **43** (45.3%) had previous weapons charges
- **37** (38.9%) had domestic violence charges
- **10** (10.5%) had kidnapping charges
- **9** (9.5%) had homicide/murder charges
- **5** (13.7%) had previous prostitution charges



# THE SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

2014 Key Findings



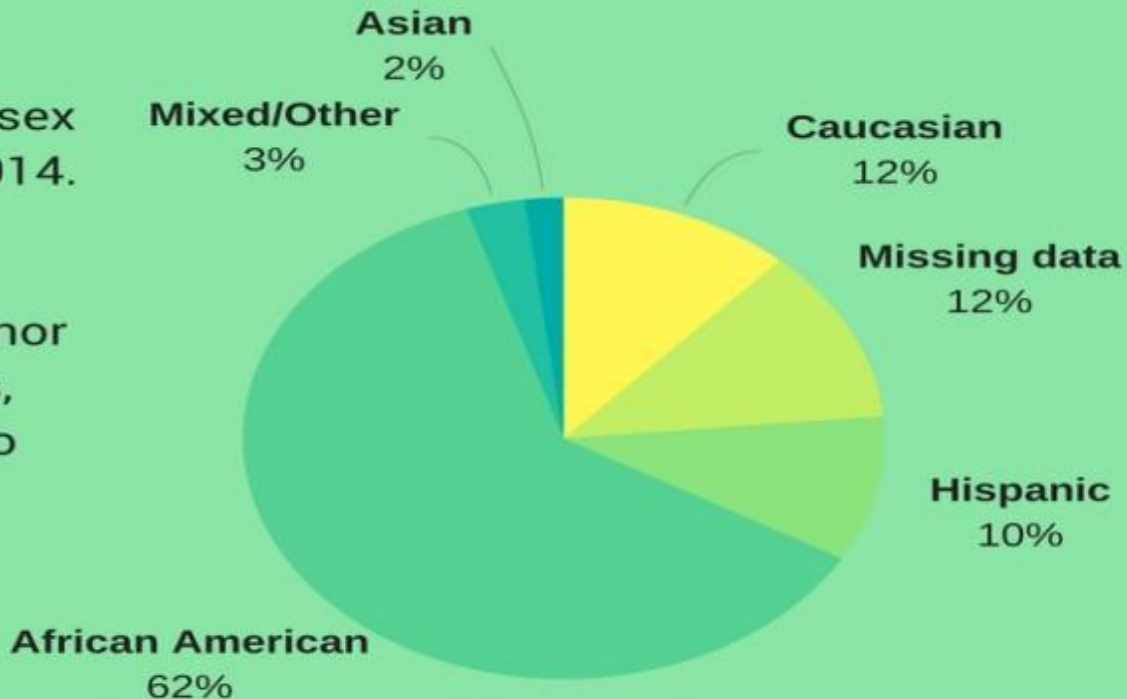
# TRANSPORTATION + MOVEMENT (n=190)

**39** (20.5%) sex trafficking victims reported being taken across state lines for the purpose of being prostituted by the sex trafficker



# JUVENILE VICTIMS (n=123)

- **123** juvenile victims identified in 99 of the sex trafficking cases in 2014.
- **16 years old** was the average age of the minor sex trafficking victims, ranging from age 12 to 17.
- Ethnicity



## JUVENILE VICTIMS (n=123)



**56** (45.5%) of the minor victims had a missing person's report filed for them.

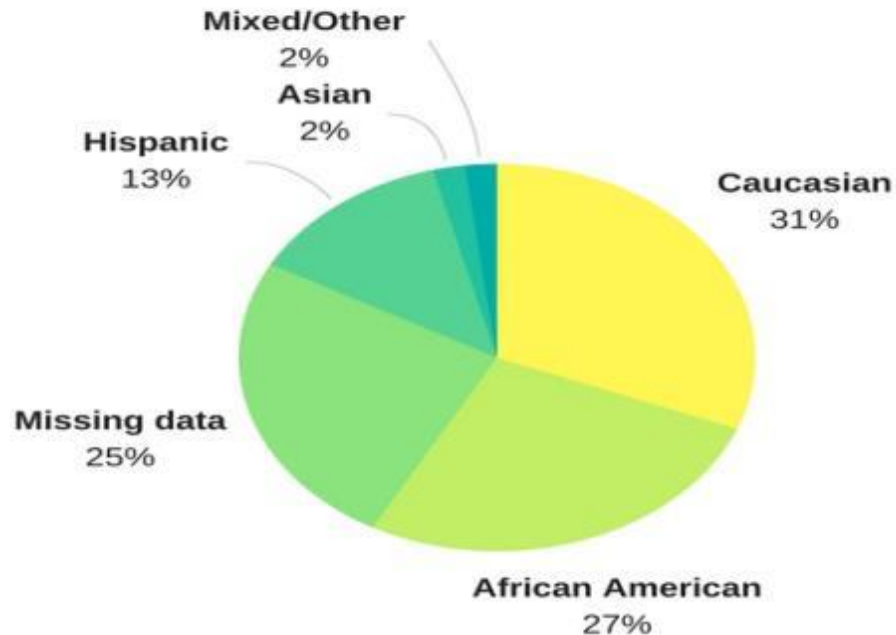
More than a quarter (n =25, 25.2%) of the minors were in the company of an adult female who was also involved in the prostitution activity at the time of law enforcement contact.



# ADULT VICTIMS (n=123)

The average age of the 67 adult sex trafficking victims was **23.8 years old** ranging from age 18 to 47.

## Ethnicity



# COMPARING JUVENILE + ADULT CASES

*Sex traffickers of juveniles compared to sex traffickers of adults*

**Sex traffickers of juveniles only were significantly more likely to:**

• Be younger and closer to the age of their victims (27.42 years vs. 32.6 years)	(t (81) = 2.83, p = .006)
• Be Romeo-pimps (96% vs. 64.7%)	(X2 (1, N = 59) = 8.213, p < .01)
• Use social media to recruit	(X2 (1, N = 40) = 4.748, p < .05)
• Post the victims on online sex selling venues	(X2 (1, N = 47) = 5.24, p < .05)
• Force the victims to sell sex on the street	(X2 (1, N = 65) = 12.707, p < .001)
• Force their victims to work in multiple venues (street, casino, online ads)	(X2 (1, N = 57) = 7.782, p < .01)



# COMPARING JUVENILE + ADULT CASES

## *Adult victims compared to juvenile victims*

Adult victims were significantly more likely to cooperate with law enforcement to identify their sex trafficker and proceed with the case.

37% of adult victims cooperated with law enforcement compared to 16.3% of minor victims  
( $\chi^2(2, N = 156) = 8.75, p < .02$ ).

# DISCUSSION OF CASE PATTERNS

- Limited cooperation with law enforcement
- Large quantity of out-of-state victims, unable to return to assist
- The average sex trafficker was a 29-year old African American male.
- The average minor victim was a 16-year old African American Female.
- The average adult victim was a 23-year old White female.
- Missing reports, family disconnection, throwaways
- Limited ability to charge sex traffickers or lesser crimes

# IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

A finite capacity for law enforcement to investigate these complex cases:



- **Capacity:** Unit of 12 investigators was responsible for investigating cases involving 247 potential sex trafficking victims, (an average of 20.6 new sex trafficking victims per month).
- **Limited cooperation of victims:** 99 of the reviewed cases (64.7%) involved minor victims totaling 123 distinct victims, yet only 16 victims (16.3%) cooperated with law enforcement in building a case against their trafficker
- **Victim Maintenance**
- **Victim Trauma**

THANK  
YOU!  
QUESTIONS?

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# Committee Reports

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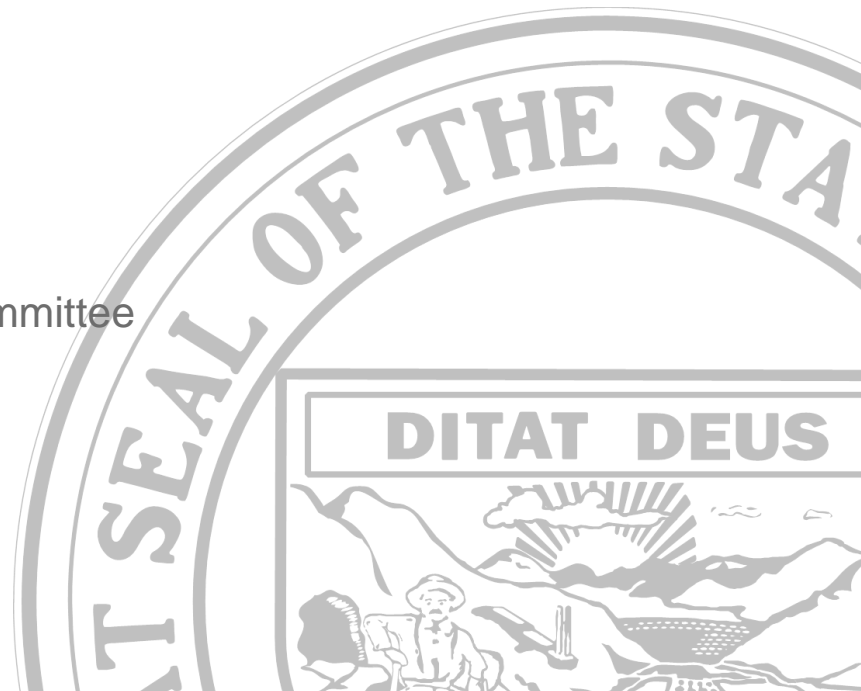
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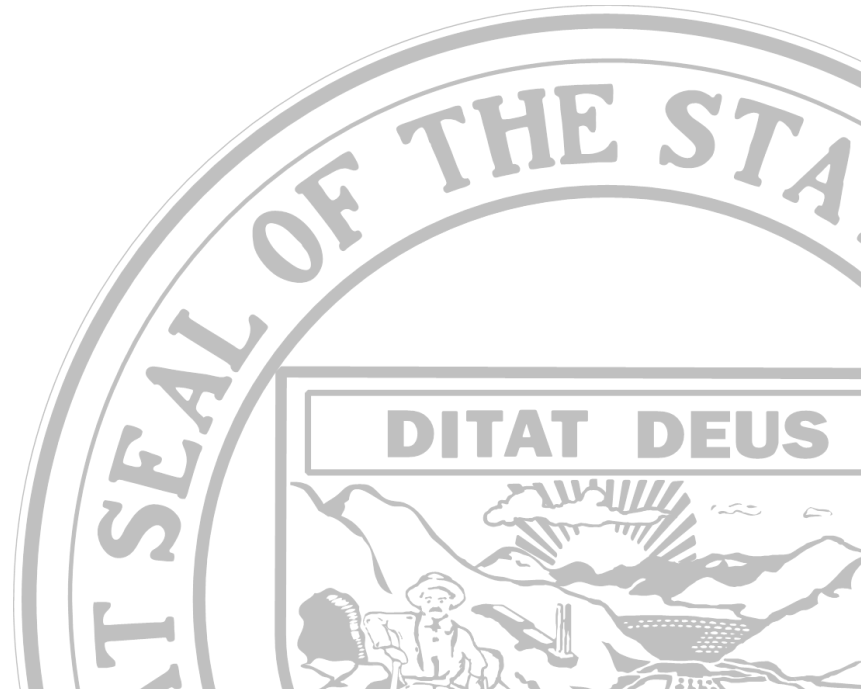
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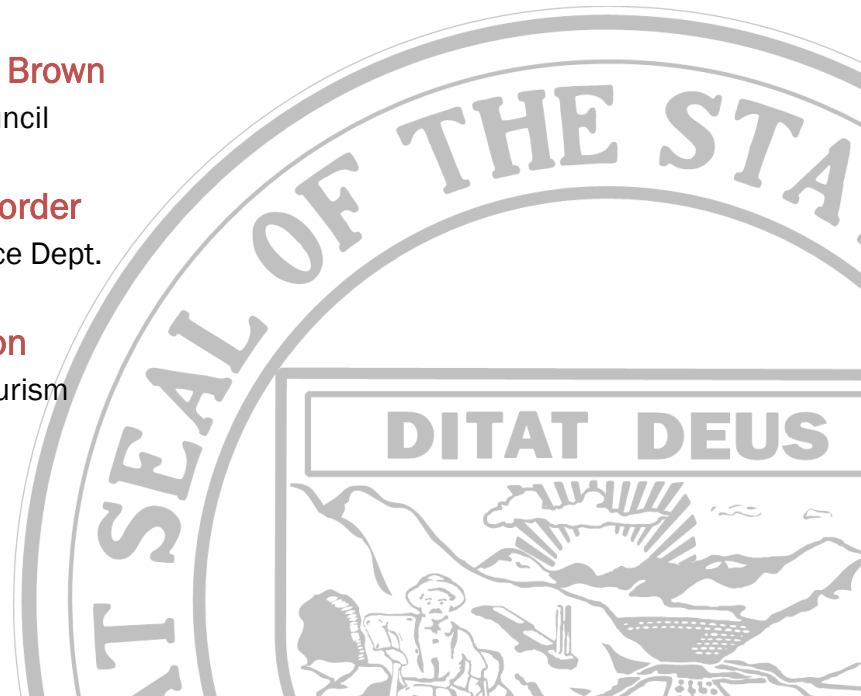
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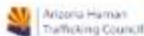
*Sex trafficking occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act.*

## See Something...

- A young person with an older, non-related adult
- Provocative clothing for the victim's age or they are inadequately dressed for the situation
- Bruises, fear, overly submissive or other signs of abuse
- Watched over or controlled by others

## Say Something.

Call the Phoenix PD Vice Tip-line (602) 454-2771  
If you ever believe a person is in immediate danger, call 911.



[EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov](http://EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov)



# See Something, Say Something.



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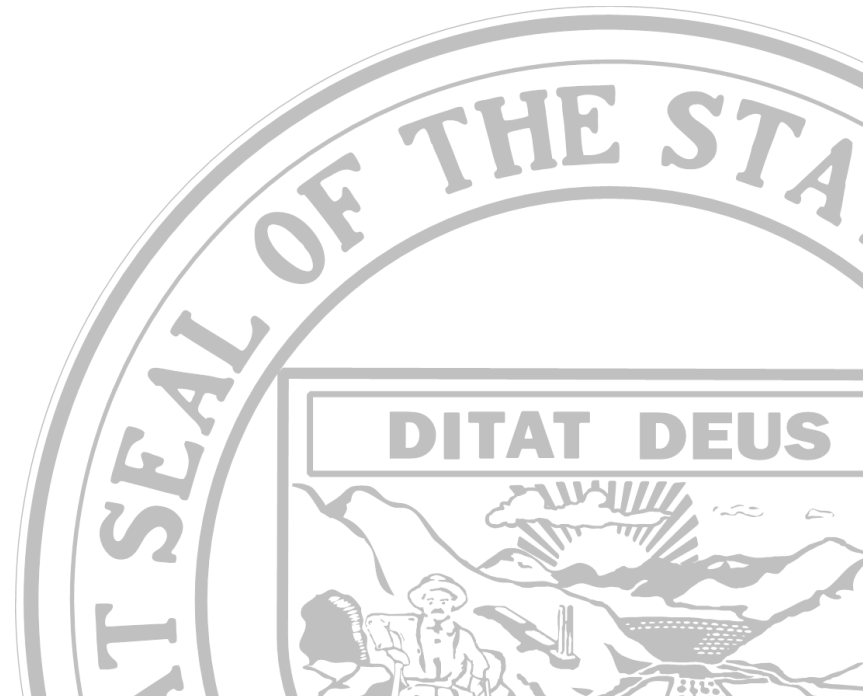


## Next Steps:

- Grand Canyon University Partnership
- Medical professionals train-the-trainer
- Navajo Nation Partnership



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